

DISCOVERER OF LATEST COMET

Former Burlington Pastor Has Studied Heavens 33 Years.

The Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of Winchester, Mass., has received five medals in recognition of his work as an astronomer.

Regarding the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, a former pastor of the Unitarian Church in Burlington, A. J. Phillips writes as follows in the Boston Sunday Globe:

It is entirely appropriate that a minister of the Gospel should study the heavens, if for no other reason than to equip himself thoroughly as a "sky pilot." But in point of fact the theological schools have never laid any particular stress on the study of astronomy as a preparation for the ministry, nor have ministers ever particularly distinguished themselves as astronomers until the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of Winchester, Mass., announced a few weeks ago that he had discovered a new comet, which is now known all the world over as Metcalf's comet.

And Metcalf's comet is being watched and studied and recorded in every well-equipped observatory in the northern world today, and the Harvard observatory has been publishing almost daily since the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf discovered the comet, the results of the observations made in the principal observatories of Germany, France, England and the United States. In fact, Metcalf's comet has very largely dominated the attention of astronomers since it was discovered on the evening of September 1 by the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf from a little, rude observatory in his camp at South Hero, Vt.

WIRED FACTS AT ONCE.

Immediately after he discovered this latest heavenly wanderer in the northern sky, about 10 degrees above the horizon and almost directly under the North Star, the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf wired the facts to Professor Pickering at the Harvard observatory, and the latter at once cabled the great German observatory at Kiel, which latter notified all the principal observatories of Europe. Then the principal observatories in this country were notified by telegraph of the discovery, and telescopes were at once turned at the point in the heavens where the comet had appeared and its every movement from that time has been carefully noted and recorded. It is not visible to the naked eye as yet.

But how comes it that a Unitarian minister should make this discovery? Where were the professional astronomers with their big telescopes on the evening of September 1?

These questions have naturally arisen in the minds of many people, but after you have seen and become a little acquainted with the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, you are not in the least surprised that he should have discovered this comet, especially after he tells you that he has discovered two other comets in years gone by, one an annual, and that he has discovered several small planets, known as asteroids in our solar system, and that he made with his own hands a few years ago the largest photographic telescope in the country for the Harvard observatory, a 16-inch double.

Seeing him at his home on Crescent road in Winchester, not far from the little Gothic church in which he preaches Unitarian doctrine each Sunday, you may quickly become conscious that the youthful-looking, smooth-faced, Rev. Joel H. Metcalf is one of the best of men in this country and that he is respected as such by authorities all the world over, and that he is probably much more famous as an astronomer than as a divine, as a minister of the gospel.

But this is not surprising, for one astronomical discovery touches the popular imagination more deeply than would even a new religious doctrine or new religion. When asked how he happened to discover this particular comet, he said:

"I was at my camp at South Hero, Vt., and on the evening of September 1, I went into the little observatory I have fitted up there and in which I had set up my comet seeker. I turned the comet seeker on the space between the North Star and the horizon. It was about half past eight in the evening. As I was working steadily over that part of the sky I came across this comet. It was rather faint and nebulous and without a tail, as far as I could see.

"Unlike Halley's comet this comet was moving in an opposite direction from the earth, and in fact it is outside of the earth's orbit. It is apparently a small comet, but it is not possible to tell very much about it yet. I notified Professor Pickering at the Harvard observatory and he notified all the other observatories."

"What is this comet doing, you speak of?"

DESCRIBES COMET AND ORBIT.

"That is a broken telescope, one in which the lower section in which is the eyepiece is at right angle to the upper portion, with a prism that refracts the light from the outer lens into the eyepiece. This enables you to sit down and scan the heavens much more easily than with the regular telescope. When it is mounted you can revolve the telescope and tip the upper part at any angle and maintain the eyepiece at practically the same level. I call it my comet seeker, because I use it largely for that purpose."

"What particular interest attaches to this comet?"

"Only the interest that attaches to comets in general. We know very little about comets. Astronomers are now trying to determine the orbit of this comet to see whether it travels in an ellipse like Halley's comets and others or whether it sort of runs wild in a parabola or a hyperbola. The queer thing about these comets is how a body so tenuous as most of them appear to be even in the head, can have motion, or can last at all. The head of this comet is so tenuous you can see the stars through it, as you can through Halley's comet."

SPACE FULL OF FLYING METEORS.

"Do you believe that the space between the earth's atmosphere and the moon is full of flying meteors?"

"There must be a great many of them there, for I have noticed when I hold the telescope at a given point for an hour I will see on an average of three

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Of course, the meteors are not seen until they strike the earth's atmosphere, but if at one particular point in the sky you can see three in an hour what must the number be in the whole sky. Most of them burn right up the moment they strike the earth's atmosphere.

"What other heavenly bodies have you discovered?"

"I have studied the movements of some 35 small planets, asteroids, between Mars and Jupiter. In all there are about 60 of these small planets and they are very interesting and are being studied very carefully by astronomers. One of these small planets makes with the sun and Jupiter a perfect equilateral triangle, showing that it is subject to exactly the same gravity force as Jupiter. It offers a problem in astronomy that has never been worked out. I have also discovered a number of variable stars."

"When did you take up the study of astronomy?"

"When I was about 14 years old. It has been my relaxation very largely from my other studies."

As Mr. Metcalf is 47 years old he has been studying astronomy for 33 years, and as he says, it is one of the most fascinating studies in the world. But it hasn't apparently interfered with his other studies, for there is little in the field of modern scientific knowledge with which he is not more or less familiar, and he is ready to discuss the philosophy of Bergson or the theology of Jonathan Edwards as he is astronomy. He is in the broadest sense a student, and he also has an undoubted genius for mechanics.

OBSERVATORY BESIDE HOUSE.

He has an observatory beside his house in Winchester which does not look in the least like the ordinary observatory. It looks like a little portable, wooden house built like a tent. But after you enter this little house you pull a rope and what the roof rolls back. Then he pulls another rope and the other half rolls back, giving free play to the double telescope that is mounted on the center of the floor.

The whole arrangement shows the practical astronomer. The tubes of the two telescopes lie one on top of the other so that both are operated by the same mechanism. The upper one is a seven-inch Clark refractor and the upper one a 16-inch sideral photographic telescope. The latter instrument Mr. Metcalf made himself and with it he and his two boys have made hundreds of photographs of the night sky and on many of these are his own particular discoveries. Every clear night the two boys are engaged in this study, which they are almost enthusiastic in their father.

In photographing the stars the movement of the earth on its axis must be taken into consideration. This is regulated by means of a clock mechanism regulated by weights, so that once the photographic telescope is pointed at a star the mechanism started in motion is not necessary to be further except to shut off the exposure at the proper time. It is delicate work and work that requires experience and fine judgment in the matter of light and the sensitivity of photographic plates.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE HEAVENS.

It should be known that the principal observatories of the world have been engaged for years in photographing the heavens, each covering an allotted space, and that more than 200,000 photographs of the first to the tenth magnitude have been taken, examined, definitely located, and catalogued, and that this catalogue will be jointly printed and published in a short time. This achievement of modern astronomical science, aided by photographic processes, such as Galileo, Huygens, Halley, Newton or Herschel.

As has been said, astronomy is not a very large part of recreation with the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, for he is a seriously busy man with his ministerial work and duties and he is very deeply logical and concerned in the sociological and the spiritual problems which confront the world today. In point of fact about the only time he devotes to astronomy is his vacation period, and it is during this period that he made his latest discovery. His boys have become so interested in astronomy that they will follow the photographic work with little assistance from him.

Yet to show how highly regarded he is as an astronomer it is only necessary to point out that he is chairman of the visiting committee of the Harvard observatory and that he has been awarded five medals for astronomical discoveries, including one a few years ago from the Astronomical society of Mexico. He is a member of the Astronomical society of America, which gives a fair idea of the astronomical side of this man.

He also has a fine record of achievement as a divinity student and minister. He was born at Mendon, Pa., January 4, 1866, and was graduated from the Mendon Theological school in 1890. He attended the Harvard Divinity school that same year. He got a degree of Ph.D. from Allegheny College in 1892 and was ordained in 1893. He was ordained in 1893, and was pastor of the church in Burlington, Vt., from 1893 to 1903. He then accepted a call to Taunton where he remained until 1910 when he came to the Unitarian Church at Winchester where he has been pastor since.

ANOTHER CHECK STORY.

"You've heard a lot of stories about the fool mistakes women make when they come to a bank," says a well known paying teller over the avenue, "and some of them are true."

"I've seen 'em all—the woman who gets mad when she calls her attention to an overdraw, and then wants to write a check to make it up; the woman whose indorsements are worth all of them."

"But the worst came in a few weeks ago. She showed a check through the window without looking at me. I said: 'Madam, you will have to get somebody to introduce you before I can cash this check for you.'"

"She," she answered, haughtily, "I am here on business and not making a social call. I do not care to know you."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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EXPERT TESTIMONY GIVEN

Progress Made in \$25,000 Suit against City.

Neighbors and Relatives of Late John A. Leary Relate Happenings Prior to and Immediately after His Death.

The \$25,000 negligence case against the city growing out of the facts that Burlington possesses a municipal lighting plant and that John A. Leary was found dead in the cellar of his grocery store on the night of the 12th of February, 1912, progressed Thursday to the stage of expert testimony into the plain facts of the case. The testimony by members of the family of the deceased concerning the death was taken. On the whole, the day's session offered no startling disclosures and save for occasional clashes between opposing counsel over the admission of evidence was inclined to be dull.

At the time of opening court the witness stand was occupied by Thomas Fleury, the Burlington Light and Power company's foreman who had testified to being sent on February 22, 1912, to examine the power company's lines and discovering crossed wires of the municipal plant near the Leary store. The cross-examination of this witness by R. E. Brown failed to bring out why he climbed a pole which carried none of his company's wires. The witness remained unshaken in his assertion that he found the wires crossed, a secondary wire passing over an air wire, and that at the point of intersection the insulation was burned away.

John Hallahan, clerk for the American Express company, testified that during the winter in which the accident occurred he lived on South Champlain street and had a room directly opposite the house at 188 on that street and that his window was only a few feet distant from the pole described as being in front of that house. Mr. Hallahan testified further that within a few weeks before the time of Mr. Leary's death he observed at different times a flickering light and saw sparks coming from the pole opposite his house. He also testified that he saw sparks also and stated further that the lights in his bathroom were sparkling so that he turned the switch off at his house.

Arthur S. Holden, at that time a line man for the municipal plant, testified that on February 22 he was in the rooming the transformer belonging to the Leary circuit. He stated that a hole was found burned in the transformer box and that the oil in the instrument was black and had a bad odor.

Miss Alice Leary testified to finding John A. Leary dead in the basement of the store on the night of February 12 with the electric light in his hand. Harold R. Leary, the 16 years old son of John A. Leary, testified that he was in the store shortly before the death, and returned after it. He said the store was closed for a few days after the accident, two or three he thought. He stated that on the following Sunday he went into the basement with his younger brother, Tom, to build a fire. The furnace and stove received a shock, on attempting to move the hanging light, which caused him to become unconscious, and burned his hand badly. The witness was allowed to show a photograph of the burned hand was taken by his sister, Mrs. Leary, and his younger brother, Tom, was then put on and told the same story.

Thomas Leary, brother of the deceased man and administrator of the estate, was next on the witness stand. He testified about his brother's previous health, and the reason for his coming to Burlington. Mr. Leary said his brother owned a farm and creamery in Jericho before coming to Burlington and was in the habit of working hard. He said his brother came to Burlington to educate his children, two of whom at the time were in the Burlington schools. He stated that at that time his brother had a very bad cold and was coughing and was rather feeble. He said his brother had been in the hospital for a few days before he came to Burlington to educate his children, two of whom at the time were in the Burlington schools. He stated that at that time his brother had a very bad cold and was coughing and was rather feeble. He said his brother had been in the hospital for a few days before he came to Burlington to educate his children, two of whom at the time were in the Burlington schools.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Ohio State University has introduced an apprentice course in animal husbandry that includes two years' study at the university and two years of practical work on a stock farm. The student in this course spends the first year at the university; the second on a stock farm; and the third year at the university again; and the fourth year on another stock farm. The students are paid for their work while on the farm. The plan has interested a number of the leading stock men of Ohio and other States, and they are co-operating with the university in carrying it out.

HENDEE-HARMON.

Trinity Church at Shelburne the Scene of a Charming Wedding.

Beautiful Trinity Church in Shelburne was filled to overflowing Thursday night when Miss Margaret Wight Harmon, daughter of Mrs. Sophia B. Harmon, was married to Henry D. Hendee, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hendee of this city. The impressive ceremony of the Episcopal Church was performed by the Rt. Rev. William Farrar Weeks, bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Vermont, assisted by the Rev. G. R. Brush, pastor of Trinity.

The bride party entered from the parsonage and was met at the church door by the groom who was attended by his brother, Frank J. Hendee, as best man. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, William P. Harmon of Montpelier. Her sister, Miss Janet M. Harmon, was the maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Helen G. Hendee of Burlington, sister of the groom, Miss Elizabeth T. Harmon of Shelburne, Miss Mary E. Harmon of Burlington, and Miss Charlotte Harmon of Burlington.

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for on the theory of angina pectoris. He said further that the condition of the valves and arteries was such as sometimes accompanies death from angina pectoris.

From the testimony on this subject one unfamiliar with pathology might gather that if there is no other apparent cause of death and no symptoms to account for death, the very absence of symptoms is an indication of angina pectoris, and that death from electrocution is similar in this respect except for the burns at points of contact which are sometimes found.

The witness stated that without the hypothesis of a deadly and dangerous current on the wire running to the fixture which the deceased held in his hand, he should be forced to adhere to his first conclusion as to the cause of death. He defined a diagnosis by exclusion as a conclusion based upon the most probable cause.

The next witness was Dr. Patrick Leary of Turner's Falls, Mass., who testified to having examined John A. Leary from thirteen to twenty years ago. He stated that he examined the heart with a stethoscope and found it normal. He said the cause of his examination of his brother was that John complained of lameness. This lameness Dr. Leary diagnosed as neuritis. He testified that his brother was otherwise in perfect health and of temperate habits. He said he had never seen him smoke.

The next witness called to the stand was W. H. Force, electrical engineer of St. Albans, who qualified as an expert. Some time after the death, Mr. Force stated he examined the wiring of the Leary store. His most striking testimony was to the effect that a current of from 104 to 120 volts on the circuit would not have caused a burn on a man's hand.

Mr. Force testified at length about wires, currents and answered some long hypothetical questions.

TWO CHURCH WEDDINGS.

William Farrell and Mrs. M. B. Lafayette Married at St. Mary's.

The wedding of William Farrell of the Western Union office and Mrs. Margaret B. Lafayette of Rutland took place Thursday morning at St. Mary's Cathedral, the Rev. W. H. Cassidy performing the ceremony. The couple were attended by Miss Anna G. Farrell, sister of the groom, and William Blunt of New York. After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell will reside in this city.

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